A total of $11,000,000 for construction work in the Atchafalaya Basin was included in a $4.1 billion bill passed by the House yesterday in Washington and returned to the Senate.

The bill provides funds for financing public works projects in practically every state.

The money slated for the Atchafalaya Basin will be used mostly for construction work, according to Thurman Morgan of the Louisiana Department of Public Works. Although officials here have not received a breakdown of projects included in the appropriation, Morgan said the two big projects would be construction work on the levee and enlarging the channel.

Work is currently underway to enlarge the levee and strengthen the berms. Engineers also are enlarging the main channel of the basin by dredging. "This work is progressing toward completion and it will be 60,000 square feet," Morgan said.

In later projects, it is hoped the channel can be enlarged to 80,000 square feet and 100,000 square feet.

Morgan said the appropriations would be mainly for these two projects, with other miscellaneous items included. The public works department is also concerned at the present time with the fresh water diversion channels that lead into Bayou Teche and the Vermillion River.

The $4.1 billion bill also provides funds for the Reclamation Bureau, the Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies handling Public Works.

The bill was passed by voice vote after a motion by Rep. Glenn R. Davis, R-Wis., to cut back some Senate increases lost by a roll-call count of 255-90.